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MANILA FOR USADB

FROM RED

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: ASIAN VEGETABLE CENTER

REF: MANILA 13342

1. RED SOLICITS AFFIRMATIVE SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED ADB CONTRIBUTIONS TO THREE YEAR PROGRAMS EITHER OUTREACH OR TRAINING. CURRENT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO AVRDC WILL NOT PERMIT THESE ESSENTIAL AND REWARDING ACTIVITIES UNLESS SUPPORTED BY OUTSIDE FUNDS.

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2. SINCE US CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTER ARE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR

IN ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION, RED TAKES POSITION THAT CENTER SHOULD BE SUPPORTED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT AVAILABLE FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES LEST IT BE DIMINISHED IN STATURE BEFORE US SUPPORT IS TERMINATED.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO SUPPORT BEYOND FIVE YEARS RED HAS CONSISTENTLY NOT ONLY REFUSED TO MAKE A COMMITMENT BUT HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT. IT IS RED'S DISTINCT UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL (INCLUDING STAFF, ROC OFFICIALS, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS) UNDERSTAND US PRESENT POSITION THAT SUPPORT WILL TERMINATE WITH FY 75. HOWEVER RED HAS NEVER MADE FLAT STATEMENT THAT US WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT CENTER BEYOND FIVE YEARS BUT RED HAS MADE IT UNMISTAKEABLY CLEAR THAT US INVOLVEMENT AT THIS TIME AND SINCE INITIAL OPERATION OF THE CENTER IS NOT ONLY SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS BUT EVEN SUCH A COMMITMENT IS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE YEARS.

4. RED HOPES THAT US SUPPORT BEYOND FIVE YEARS WILL BE FORTHCOMING SINCE THE PROJECT IS A GOOD ONE WHICH WILL INCREASE THE FOOD SUPPLY AND HEALTH OF SEA COUNTRIES IN A DEGREE UNMATCHED BY MOST OTHER PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO THIS PREMISE. QUESTION OF CONTINUING SUPPORT HOWEVER WOULD SEEM TO BE IRRELEVANT TO CURRENT REQUEST FOR ADB ASSISTANCE FOR ONLY THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED AND THE INQUIRY ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BE ANSWERED BY SIMPLY STATING THAT US DOES NOT KNOW IF SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE BEYOND FIVE YEARS BUT A FLAT STATEMENT OF NO SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN MADE. DECONTROL FOLLOWING 12/31/74

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